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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application:

- (1) Kawamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,260,878, issued April 7, 1981;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.

 (A) 05-130441 (MINOLTA CAMERA CO LTD), published May 25, 1993;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 07-319336 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published December 8, 1995;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 09-114627 (RICOH CO LTD), published May 2, 1997;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 09-198191 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published July 31, 1997; and
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-105001 (RICOH CO LTD), published April 24, 1998.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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